



Saying "Yes" to the loving will of God and those He has set over us

Patron Saint of the Week: Mother Cabrini



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) was an Italian nun who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mother Cabrini wanted to go to China to spread the Gospel but the Pope asked her to go to America instead. Arriving in New York with six sisters, she started many orphanages, hospitals and homes for the aged. She eventually became an American citizen and was the first to be canonized.

Mother Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants. Her feast day is on November 13 .

Dear Lord Jesus, although they started with little, Mother Cabrini and her nuns built many homes and hospitals in America. May I always trust in Your divine providence. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

April 10- St. Andres Bessette, 2nd Grade Tour of Church

April 17 - Journey to Jerusalem April 21 - Easter!!!!

April 24 - Confirmation Interviews



Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. This week we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of

an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.



PSR First Communion Practice and Prayer Service will be held Saturday April 13 at 9:30 AM at church. (The children will be tasting the unconsecrated host and wine at that time. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. **Banner assembly kits to be sent home with the children.** All banners must be completed and returned by Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in order to be displayed in the church. Thank you for your cooperation. **Our celebration of First Communion is Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm and Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 pm.**



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Catechist Notes

April 3, 2019

April Virtue **Obedience**

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April 17 will be The Holy Week/Triduum Family Event **"Journey to Jerusalem"**: Teachers of each grade level will present a center explaining or experiencing that day. The children will progress through the centers accompanied by older grade buddies and /or parents. There are resources in the office. We will be again asking parents to escort children. 7th and 1st will go as buddies. 8th grades will be disciples to help lead along the journey. There are resources in the office...let me know what you need. We will supply most of the other items needed. Sign up for which center you would like to host!

Center	Activity	Grade A	Grade B	Location	Items Needed
Palm Sunday	Jesus and disciples will process through school, aid classes	8A 8C	8B		Leftover palms, costumes
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet	wash feet or sign cross	3A 3C	3B,4B	Outside gym lobby /cafeteria	Bowl and Pitcher of water, towels, chairs
Holy Thursday Last Supper	Institution of Eucharist	2	2	Cafeteria	Bread & grapes, candles, chalice, paten/ciborium, grape juice/sm. Cups on trays, matzah in baskets.
Prayer in Garden	Bracelet and prayer	1A1C	1B	Hallway connection	Bracelets, picture, reflection
Good Friday	Stations,	4C	5B	Concession/Gym	stations, music.
Good Friday	Veneration of cross	7A 7C	7B	Gym	Large Cross, red fabric, crown of thorns,
Easter Vigil Easter	explanation of symbols, empty tomb	6A 6C		Lobby,	Oils, Paschal candle, Holy water, Alleluia tent, rock, folded burial cloth, candles, grocery bags

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Weekly Thoughts by Dr. Barbara Blackburn

HOW MANY TIMES?

How many times, O Lord, will I forget the wonders you have worked for me? You have been there for me through so many hard times and difficult situations; and yet, every time I face another challenge, I question if you will get me through this one. Will I ever learn to trust in your goodness? I am reminded of the Israelites in the desert after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. Freed from bondage, they still complained. When they complained that they were hungry you gave them manna. When they were thirsty you gave them water from the rock. When they were lost you led their way with a pillar of fire and a cloud. When they were bitten by snakes you healed their wounds. Time and time again you came to their rescue. You do the same for me. And, like the Israelites, I am only grateful until the next crisis in my life. I am like an infant with a very short attention span. Why do I panic each time I face an emergency when you have gotten me through so many hard times? Why do I even question if you will get me through this one as well?

I can remember complaining to my pastor that this year's Confirmation class will never be ready to celebrate the sacrament. It was my same complaint every year. My pastor would chide me and remind me that each year the Holy Spirit would see to it that the students were ready. He was right, but I worried about it every year. How many times, O Lord, will I forget the wonders you have worked? --The science project that worked after it failed five times. The student who finally gained the courage to run for student council. The thank you note from my most challenging critic.

O Lord, you must be asking the same question—"How many times, O teacher, will you forget the wonders I have worked for you?" You must be telling me—"You will get through this school year". Ah, yes I will, but next year I will live through the drama again. I will complain again. And you will deliver me again. Thank you God for your infinite goodness and patience.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Safe Environment Program

Tuesday, April 30 7:00 PM | Arrive at 6:45 PM

St. Patrick Rectory Meeting Room

This workshop is for all St. Patrick volunteers and employees working with children or vulnerable adults and is limited to 40 participants. This includes: school and PSR parents who volunteer in the classroom, lunchroom, library, on field trips, etc. coaches, employees, and scout leaders, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, communion administrators, home visitors, etc. Instructions on how to sign up for our workshop are at

www.stpatrickwentzville.org/sep

No children are allowed. For questions, contact Dawn at dawn@stpatsch.org.



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